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**Subject:** RE: GA Triennial HQ staff level briefing tomorrow (Feb 26 at 10:00)

Tony: I would like to sit in to hear the discussion if you don't mind?

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**From:** Able, Tony  
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Jeaneanne,

At the WPD managers meeting today Cesar recommended that I give you a heads up about this briefing with HQ tomorrow. We will be following an established "coordination agreement" (May 2000) with HQ that ensures the appropriate level of review and briefing up the line. After our discussion, we expect the OST opinions to inform our final recommendations which we will present to you in a briefing scheduled for March 5. OST will not brief their Office Director (Deborah Nagle) until we brief you.

WQPB will be discussing the GA Triennial with OST staff and front line management tomorrow (Feb. 26 at 10:00). The intent of this meeting is to gain HQ's perspectives and opinions on our proposed actions. The GA Triennial contains a total of 9 separate revisions that we need to take action on. Of these 9, the Region is proposing to approve 7 and disapprove 2 which are outlined below:

7 approvals

- Clarify the antidegradation rule, and define "practicable alternatives"
- Explicitly incorporate the use of schedules of compliance in NPDES permits
- Clarify the definition for "estuarine waters", and update associated references
- Include pH in the definition of "natural conditions"
- Adopt EPA's 2016 recommended aquatic life cadmium criteria
- Revise the units for bacteria measurements to a non-method specific count, and
- Revise/correct specific water use classifications

2 disapprovals

- Adopt bacteria criteria for the protection of secondary contact recreation;
- Develop site-specific lake standards that include numeric chlorophyll and nutrient criteria for Lakes Oconee and Sinclair

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Tony